THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" 177 Agricultural and Industrial Exhibitions were held in this State during 1952–53. The Agricultural Department participated in 138 of them. Departmental exhibits won prizes or meritorious certificates in 20 of these exhibitions."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH :—" In view of the fact that these exhibitions are conferring immense benefits by way of propaganda among rural population also, will the Government consider holding these exhibitions every year in some important centres of rural areas also? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Holding exhibitions is rather a very costly affair. But wherever exhibitions are held, the Departments of Industries and Agriculture also take part."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Sir, what is the net result of these exhibitions financially and otherwise? Are they working at a loss or at a profit? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The object of these exhibitions is educating the public and carrying on propaganda for adoption of better methods of cultivation and all that. The financial aspect is not so important."

SRI R. SIDDANNA GOWD :—" What is the cost of holding these exhibitions, Sir? "

SRI P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU :—" Is the cost of prizes awarded borne by the Government, Sir? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Of course, not. It is the organizers of the exhibition who fix prizes for various things and the exhibits that are exhibited by the Departments of Agriculture and Industries, if they deserve, are awarded prizes."

Protected water-supply for Cannanore and Baliapatam.

* 649 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to introduce protected water-supply in Cannanore and Baliapatam towns in North Malabar?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There is already a small protected water-supply scheme at Cannanore.

" No proposal is under the consideration of the Government to improve the protected water-supply scheme at Cannanore.

" As regards Baliapatam, a scheme for the supply of drinking water in the panchayat area through pipe-line is engaging the attention of the Collector of Malabar in consultation with the Panchayat."

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SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Are the Government aware, Sir, that people in Baliapatam and Cannanore towns are suffering from elephantiasis and filariasis, and that the health of 90 per cent of the people in these two towns is affected, and, if so, when do the Government propose to provide protected water-supply to these two towns? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Filariasis is not due to want of protected water-supply. It has to be controlled by having an efficient system of drainage."

Functions of District Planning Boards.

* 650 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state what are the powers and functions of the District Planning Boards and Project Advisory Committees?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The District Planning Boards will prepare plans for their respective areas, watch the progress of execution, assess the achievements periodically and take such action as is called for in the circumstances to realize the full benefits within the targetted dates. They will also discuss and recommend new beneficial schemes. These Boards are constituted so as to secure the maximum co-operation and co-ordination of activities of all the Official Departments in the district.

" The Project Advisory Committees are set up in districts where Community Projects are worked out and they will have advisory functions not only on the problems relating to the project area but also the functions entrusted to the District Planning Board in relation to the other parts of the district not covered by the Community Project area."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Are there any districts in the State where District Planning Boards have not been constituted? " 9-40 a.m.

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" If an accurate answer is wanted, I must go through the list."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" What is the difficulty of the Government to include all the M.L.As. in the various districts in the District Planning Boards? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, it is not good to load too many honours on the same set of people."

SRI P. B. K. RAJACHIDAMBARAM :—" Are the Planning Boards given any idea of the probable amount available for working out such plans? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The Boards include very responsible and well-informed men, officials and non-officials."